

Minutes
Faculty Senate Executive Committee
August 28, 2006

1. Chair Famouri called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. in the President's Conference Room, Stewart Hall.

Members present:

Bergner, G.	Hardesty, D.	Lang, G.	Outterson, K.
Branch, D.	Jackowitz, A.	Lastinger, M.	Robbins, J.
Dean, R.	Kershner, R.	McDiarmid, M.	Torsney, C.
Famouri, P.	Kleist, V.	Nutter, R.	Wilson, C.

Members absent:

Clark, N. Strife, M.

Guests:

Brown, P. Gregory, K. (DA) Kite, S.

2. Since this was the first meeting of the year, Chair Famouri asked that everyone introduce themselves.
3. President Hardesty reported that the enrollment for the year has exceeded expectations, about 27,200, making the University on-track in meeting the strategic planning goal of 28,500. This gives the University a degree of financial soundness. Research and sponsored program numbers were down. The research number itself was up; sponsored programs was down because a building came through in the prior year. We have been on a steady increase for the past few years. We expect to make a serious run at the goal of \$200 million in this area.

President Hardesty encouraged everyone to become familiar with the new residence building, Lincoln Hall, which is an enhancement of the resident faculty leader program. President Hardesty said that Lincoln Hall will step up the academic tenor of the residential hall. The resident faculty leader and resident director live in the hall; faculty will teach freshman seminars in the hall; and community people will teach the students life skills.

President Hardesty said that WVU is in a different position in football this year, we are a consensus top five pick, the highest we have ever been.

President Hardesty cited both professional and personal reasons for retiring as President of the University. Professional reasons have to do with where the University is positioned right now. The University is in a strong position to search for a new president because of things like:

the national prominence of the athletic program

the forensics program
several other programs partnering with other universities
visibility is very positive
a sound financial position
a good Board
being in a settled situation with vice presidents and deans where there is no
anticipation of heavy turnover other than natural attrition.

Personally, although President Hardesty will continue to teach in the College of Law, he says that it's time to move on to a different phase in life.

4. It was moved and duly seconded to approve the minutes from the May 22, 2006 meeting. Motion carried.
5. Chair Famouri said that he was asked to be part of the search committee for the new WVU president, which he accepted. He said that Board member Michael Lastinger will also be involved in the search. He will solicit input from faculty as to what they are looking for in a new president.

He said that a Transportation and Parking Committee has been formed. Nancy Lohmann will chair the committee. Members are Ruth Kershner, HSC, Michael Lastinger, Downtown, and Marcello Napolitano, Evansdale.
6. The Committee reviewed the draft minutes of the June 12th Faculty Senate meeting, making one correction to item 13, the 12 faculty members do not live at the hall.
7. Professor Kite, Chair, GEC, said that there are approximately 500 courses left over from the LSP for audit. He said that the committee will be divided into subcommittees and the goal for this year is 100 – 130 audits.
8. It was moved and duly seconded to approve the appointment of Dr. Patrick Callery, Pharmacy, to the Research Corporation Board. Motion carried.
9. The following faculty was selected to serve on the Promotion and Tenure Advisory Panel: Nigel Clark, Elizabeth Fones-Wolf, Ruth Kershner, Virginia Kleist, and Kevin Outtersen. Associate Provost C. B. Wilson will contact a regional campus faculty member to serve on the panel.
10. Professor Paul Brown reported on global warming. He presented a list of “Emergency Global Warming Measures” to be taken by the University. A question was brought to the committee to pass these measures on to the Senate. Motion failed.
11. ACF representative Roy Nutter reported that at the July retreat he was elected vice chair of the Legislative Advisory Committee. Members of this committee will be present in Charleston to attend Legislative meetings. Items discussed at the August meeting included:

Peer Equity:

Selection of peers

Funding formula definition

Bachelor Admissions

New requirements for 2008 statewide admission

Professor Nutter said that an ACF alternate needs to be appointed. He will find a nominee, which the Executive Committee will vote on by e-mail, so that the appointment of the nominee can be approved at the September Faculty Senate meeting.

12. The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m. to reconvene on September 25, 2006.

Linda Cunningham
Committee Secretary